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SPRING SPEAKER

Miss Mary Ingle, young Christian internationalist, an English woman who has been teaching in an American mission school in Turkey, is our visiting speaker for the spring meetings of the Associations. She was educated in England, Italy and America. Her brother was liberated from internment camp in France when the Army entered Paris. Her sister was a regular broadcaster on BBC Italian program. Miss Ingle has taught in Anatolia College, Greece, and the American Academy at Istanbul.

MISS MARY INGLE

IN MEMORIAM

Two memorial gifts have been made to the Cazadero fund. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spreen of Paradise made a gift of $50 in memory of their son, Clarence, who was recently killed in action. Their comment was, "Maybe if there were more Christian camps for young people in the world the young people might be able to settle disputes without war. The older people haven't seemed to be able to do it."

A gift has also been made in memory of Reed B. Cherington by a group of people who were members of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Sunnyvale church when Mr. Cherington was pastor there many years ago. The gift was ascribed to "our former beloved pastor and friend." This same group presented a beautiful $50 pulpit Bible to the Veterans' Administration at Palo Alto, where Mr. Cherington had served as chaplain.

NEW SLIDE SETS

Three new kodachrome slide sets are now available in the Conference office at the usual rental fee—fifty cents per showing, plus transportation both ways. They are "G. I. JOE IN THE LAND OF THE LOTUS" (45 slides), "THE SMITHS MOVE TO TOWN" (40 slides), and "TILLOTSON COLLEGE" (53 slides), each having an accompanying lecture. These sets are in addition to "FOR ALL OF LIFE" and "GOD'S COLORS," which have been used by a number of our churches.

CAZADERO CAMP SCHEDULE

1945 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE AT CAZADERO

Date	Camp	Director	
June 17-23	Redwood and Upper Bay (High School)	Rev. Art Casaday, 89 Lovell Ave. Mill Valley, Calif.	High School includes 9th graders, and those entering 9th grade in the fall.
June 24-30	Central Area (High School)	Mr. George Linn, the designated director, has withdrawn on doctor's orders.	
July 1-7	Family Camp No. 1 (all ages)		Reduced rate of $6 fee for children under 12 in family camps only.
July 15-21	Junior High No. 1 (Graded 7, 8, 9)	Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe Benicia, Calif.	Primarily Bay Area junior high groups.
July 22-28	Junior High No. 2	Rev. Henry Hayden Guerneville, Calif.	Primarily Valley and Redwood areas.
August 5-11	Family Camp No. 2 (all ages)	George B. Martin 26 Kingston Road Berkeley 8, Calif.	Any adult admitted. But children must come only with families.
August 12-18	Westbay Area (high school)	Rev. Sidney Buckham 225 Tilton Ave. San Mateo, Calif.	
August 19-25	Eastbay Area (high school)	Rev. Eugene Haynes Cedar and Walnut Sts. Berkeley, Calif.	
Aug. 26-Sept. 1	State P. F. Camp	Rev. Ralph Conard 2000 Santa Clara Alameda, Calif.	For delegates, preferably officers, from every P. F. group.
Sept. 1-4	Young Adults	Roy Nichols 1802 Fairview St. Berkeley 3, Calif.	

CAMP FEE, $9.75—Includes $2.25 registration fee, which is payable in advance; $1.50 camp maintenance fee; and $6 board fee, the last two payable on arrival at camp. The camp fee is lower than most of the camps last summer, even though prices are higher.

REGISTRATIONS should be sent to the Camp Director with the $2.25 fee, the sooner the better. There will be a limit of 80 for the first two camps (because we are just starting operations!), and 100 for all other camps. Registration closes for each camp 10 days before the camp begins. First come first served, unless quotas are announced by the directors.

June 17-23—AT LAKE SEQUOIA, San Joaquin area — Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, 1323 M St., Fresno

JOHN FOSTER DULLES TO SPEAK AT MASS MEETING ...

John Foster Dulles of New York, advisor to the American delegation at the San Francisco Conference, will address a free meeting in the Oakland Auditorium Arena Sunday afternoon, April 22, at 3 on "The Beginning of World Order," under the auspices of the East Bay Church Foundation. Bishop James C. Baker, president of the International Missionary Council, will preside. Dr. Stanley Armstrong Hunter, of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, will offer prayer, and Rev. Robert Inglis of Plymouth Church, Oakland, will announce the offering. The speaker will be presented by Dr. Walter Van Kirk of New York, secretary of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Music will be furnished by the San Francisco Theological Seminary choir. KLX will rebroadcast the address at 8 p. m. and KFRC at 10:30 p. m.

JOHN WRIGHT BUCKHAM

Professor John Wright Buckham, not many months after his eightieth birthday, passed away in Oakland on the day before Easter. The funeral service was held in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley on April 2. Rev. Vere V. Loper and President Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr., presided.

Dr. Buckham was until recently professor of theology at Pacific School of Religion, to which he came about forty years ago from a pastorate at Salem, Mass. He was author of some fifteen books and known throughout the world as a man of saintly character and profound thinking. His influence upon many generations of students was very great. He is survived by his life-long companion and by three children, a daughter and two sons.

It is hoped that in a later issue of the Pacific we may be able to give more facts.

Y. P. PLANS

Already hundreds of our finest young people are beginning to plan on going to Camp this summer, for inspiration and fun and fellowship.

With Cazadero as the location for 10 out of our 11 scheduled camps, enthusiasm is running high as we pioneer together in this new camp.

Summer camp means a Christian community, set apart from the hustle and bustle of life, where Christian ideals and standards form the foundation for total community living. We not only worship twice daily, but we eat and work and study and play and grow in an atmosphere of Christian fellowship.

Summer camp means new friends, including young people from other churches, and also the friends who are leaders and speakers in our camps. These friendships are enduring, on deep foundations.

Summer Camp means decisions for life, new and sudden spiritual outreach, a new experience of what Christian living can be. It is an experience which should be opened to every young person in our churches. That is why we have a camp of our own, and a full summer schedule!

The headline speakers at our camp this summer will be Rev. Oliver Powell, national director of Pilgrim Fellowship; Rev. Everett Blake, just returned from Turkey, and Rev. Richard Keithahn, just returned from India.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Our churches will want to co-operate in the United Nations Clothing Collection. They are urged to co-operate with local committees so that packages may be consolidated, making one shipment. The communities lying in the Sacramento Valley and the Sierras north of the south line of Sacramento County should send collections to Lawrence Warehouse Distributing Co. in Sacramento. Communities in the San Joaquin Valley and the mountain district lying east thereof, together with Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, should send collections to A. Ferer Company, Oakland. Coastal communities from Del Norte County on the north to San Luis Obispo on the south should send packages to A.B.C. Transfer & Storage Co., San Francisco.

MRS. JOSEPH H. BENNETT

Mrs. Bertha Mabel Bennett, beloved wife of Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, pastor of our Campbell church, passed away on Monday, March 19. Her funeral was conducted by Superintendent Harley H. Gill in the Campbell church on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Bennett had been a semi-invalid for years, but was a woman of keen mind and of deep interest in everything that was happening. She was active in the women's work of the church and taught in the Sunday School until a short time before her death. Her life was a benediction to everyone who knew her. She was born in London, England, and had recently passed her 57th birthday. Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Dennis, student at Chicago Theological Seminary, and by his wife and two young children. She is also survived by her much beloved sister-in-law, Mrs. Ellen Mills, her constant companion for years. The crowded church and the abundance of floral offerings were eloquent testimonies to the affection of the church and the community.

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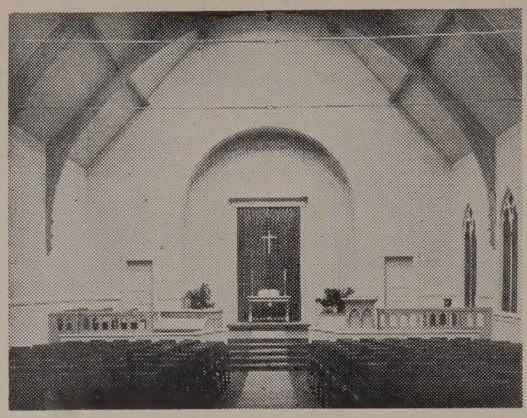
ON THE MARCH

Churches and individuals responded promptly and liberally during March to the suggestion that the Conference fiscal year was closing at the end of that month. Total benevolence receipts were almost a record for any one month except December. The Conference was able to close its year with a surplus of $1900, which encouraged the Board to earmark additional funds for new work in the coming year. California is on the march.

Church	March 1945	Jan.11 to Mar.31,'45	Jan.11 to Mar.31,'44
Adin	$ 13.00	$ 13.00	$
Alameda	80.15	175.31	213.44
Alturas	31.81	36.95	24.92
Angels Camp	50.00	53.00	37.59
Antioch			32.59
Auburn	10.00	30.00	30.00
Benicia		30.00	
Berkeley, Arlington	45.66	45.66	18.55
First	913.82	2,017.99	1,970.82
North	114.40	186.60	157.52
South	95.52	149.42	
Campbell	80.00	80.00	75.00
Cedarville			25.00
Cloverdale	14.82	33.52	40.41
Cotati	10.00	10.00	51.87
Crockett			24.00
Eureka	48.17	156.88	186.22
Ferndale	85.10	85.10	78.00
Fresno, First		500.00	511.24
Pilgrim	400.00	414.62	100.00
Glen Ellen	21.00	21.00	24.05
Guerneville	20.00	20.00	
Kenwood	11.46	11.46	
Lodi, First		649.00	400.00
Loleta	14.44	14.44	14.79
Loomis	23.86	23.86	
Martinez	23.16	94.07	62.03
Murphys	81.00	83.40	81.00
Oakland, First	880.00	1,320.00	1,430.00
Fruitvale	15.00	15.00	
Japanese		15.00	
Pilgrim	6.00	21.00	15.00
Plymouth	93.60	233.38	310.85
Orinda	20.00	55.80	
Oroville	6.81	15.21	107.72
Pacific Grove	92.65	92.65	97.58
Palo Alto		300.00	
Paradise	25.00	50.00	75.00
Parlier			50.00
Penngrove	16.65	39.36	44.17
Pescadero			10.00
Petaluma	294.75	294.75	288.37
Pittsburg	39.84	64.31	36.74
Port Chicago	37.56	37.56	
Porterville		400.00	200.00
Redwood City	210.07	210.07	228.00
Reedley		25.00	
Ripon	76.43	76.43	83.37
Sacramento		160.00	240.00
Salida	35.00	41.00	30.00
San Carlos	20.00	60.00	41.01
San Francisco, Bethany Msn. Park	60.00	60.00	73.00
First			220.64
Ocean View	63.15	66.15	60.00
Park Presidio	49.00	49.00	20.00
San Jose	43.96	175.17	173.74
San Leandro	19.05	25.40	23.15
San Mateo	366.00	366.00	70.00
San Rafael	10.00	10.00	
Santa Cruz	80.00	230.00	175.00
Santa Rosa	57.00	71.00	49.50
Saratoga	179.45	179.45	137.55
Sebastopol	83.78	93.78	44.56
Sonoma	43.56	46.68	42.45
Soquel		30.00	18.00
Stockton	83.60	187.04	89.89
Suisun	25.00	25.00	
Tulare	315.00	315.00	105.00
Weaverville	75.00	75.00	70.00
Woodside	23.80	23.80	28.80
Reno, Nevada	84.50	124.55	121.12
Miscellaneous and Individual	495.55	595.55	905.59
	$6,214.13	$11,210.37	$9,874.84

Our pastor at Pescadero, William Keeney, and his wife are parents of a lovely little girl, Janet Lee, born March 19.



Petaluma has shown the way in a beautiful remodeling of its sanctuary

CAZADERO FUND

Following is church by church list of all cash received in the Cazadero Fund up to and including April 10. There are other churches to hear from, and additional sums to come in. San Francisco First, Redwood City, Santa Cruz, and Campbell are still to make their campaigns. San Jose, San Carlos, Pittsburg, Oroville, Reno, Stockton, and Oakland Plymouth are rounding up the last collections in order to remit the full amounts of their quotas. Sacramento will probably send at least $350 more. Oakland First is undertaking a serious appeal to its people following Easter to supplement the $1100 already sent in, and Berkeley First has definitely committed itself to a total of $2750. Almost every church on the following list expects to send something additional. It will all be needed. It is possible to make some much needed improvements at Cazadero before the camps open that originally we had not expected to be able to make because of priorities. Let us clean this whole matter up before the first of May.

Alameda	$ 500.00
Angels Camp	120.00
Antioch	199.50
Auburn	44.75
Benicia	121.00
Berkeley, Arlington	49.00
First	957.00
North	528.50
South	179.00
Cloverdale	100.00
Cotati	57.00
Elk Grove	45.00
Fairfax	26.80
Ferndale	145.00
Fowler	10.00
Fresno, First	687.00
Pilgrim	100.00
Glen Ellen	50.00
Guerneville	219.00
Hayward	110.00
Kenwood	25.00
Lodi, First	1,404.54
Loomis	100.00
Martinez	260.51
Murphys	42.00
Niles	80.00
Oakland, Bethany	25.00
First	1,097.47
Fruitvale	75.00
Pilgrim	46.00
Plymouth	216.00
Orinda	101.45
Oroville	10.00
Palo Alto	754.50
Paradise	204.80
Penngrove	30.00
Petaluma	10.00
Porterville	151.75
Redwood City	10.00
Rio Vista	321.00
Ripon	167.50
Sacramento	533.00
Salida	65.00
San Francisco, Calvary	25.00
First	5.00
Grace United	104.75
Ocean View	151.50
San Leandro	157.45
San Mateo	400.00
Santa Cruz	50.00
Saratoga	401.00
Sebastopol	182.00
Sonoma	200.00
Stockton	13.00
Sunnyvale	81.30
Tulare	22.00
Woodside	530.00
Miscellaneous	9,027.00
	$21,329.07

NEW FIELD

The Comity Committee of the Sacramento Council of Churches and the Comity Commission of the state Council of Churches have joined in granting to the Northern California Congregational Conference an allocation for work in Sierra Oaks and Sierra Oaks Vista with surrounding territory east of the city of Sacramento. This area is beautifully located on high ground, north and east of the American River, about six miles from the center of the downtown section of Sacramento, about five miles from our present church, and about two and one-half miles beyond the eastern limits of the present city. It is hoped that work may begin before the end of the year.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Members of Plymouth House staged a clean-up week, a good deal of painting and papering being done and chairs reupholstered. Speakers at the Sunday evening forums on "Adventures in Global Thinking" have included Prof. Hugh Vernon White, Dr. Robert Fitch and Enrico Molnar. Activities and attendance at Plymouth House have shown a decided increase. On Wednesday evenings the director, Rev. David Stowe, has been leading discussions on "How Men Have Followed God." Members of the house have given $35 to the Cazadero fund.

REV. A. L. SEWARD

Word comes to The Pacific of the death of Rev. A. L. Seward at the age of 96. He was a pioneer missionary in Nebraska, Utah, Washington, Southern California, and Arizona. He was the father of Mrs. John E. Carpenter of our Sacramento church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ralph Larkin in Claremont.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The schedule for our spring meetings as now set up is as follows:

Tuesday, April 19—Spring Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women, South Berkeley Community Church.

Friday, April 20—Central Association at Lodi, First Church.

Tuesday, April 24—Santa Clara Association at San Mateo.

Wednesday, April 25—Redwood Empire Association at Sonoma.

Thursday, April 26—Upper Bay Association at Benicia.

Tuesday, May 1—Bay Association at Oakland, Plymouth Church, beginning at 4:00 o'clock.

Thursday, May 3—Sacramento Valley Association at Paradise.

Friday, May 4, to Sunday May 6, inclusive—German Conference at Free Cross Church, Fresno.

Monday, May 7—San Joaquin Association at Fowler.

MEETING REAL NEEDS

A source of satisfaction to us all is found in the latest report of the treasurer of the Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Services, which shows contributions of almost $1,200,000 have been made to the Fund. Once again it may be well to emphasize the fact that our primary purpose is to meet needs which are the special responsibility of our churches.

The Committee expects to grant a request from the Congregational Union of Scotland for $5,000 for their Reconstruction Fund, to be used for specialized training in youth leadership. This is the only request made by the Scottish churches during the war years and is of unusual interest because we generally think of Scotland as a Presbyterian country.

As soon as the forces of the United Nations had gained a foothold in the Philippines, money was available for work there. Our chaplains everywhere are grateful for the supplies we send them and for funds put into their hands for emergency use.

A significant war time project is a Community House in Los Angeles which serves the city's greatly increased Negro population. Here both adults and children are being helped, the former to orient themselves in new surroundings and the latter to be trained for worthy Christian citizenship.

So both at home and abroad our offerings are furthering great causes. It is our hope that during Lent many of our people have made an extra effort to continue or to increase their contributions.

—MIRIAM S. CONVERSE.

NORMAN PENDLETON ON TOUR

Rev. Norman Pendleton has resigned his pastorate of the Marin City Interdenominational Church, and is going on the lecture platform, presenting to the people of America a new and promising enterprise. He will be under the auspices of a national foundation which will underwrite a national people's newspaper, to be owned by the subscribers. A million dollars is to be secured before publication. The president of the foundation is Senator Claude Pepper. Various groups have expressed an interest, and will be active participants, including the C.I.O., the A.F. of L., the Farmers' Union, and certain pension groups. Mr. Pendleton has done an important and worthwhile work in the housing area at Marin City. Indications are that as the contracts for ships terminate, the payroll will be reduced sharply until not more than 600 will be working at the end of 1945.

SARATOGA. Rev. Fred R. Morrow, the pastor, exchanged pulpits with Rev. H. J. Loken of San Carlos the Sunday after Easter. At a recent meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, Dr. Bertha Shedd Mason, Physician of the Department of Education in San Jose, spoke on "The Adult's Responsibility to Youth."

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Easter attendance reached 477, with an offering of $280. Eight adults were received into the church and ten infants were baptized. Rev. J. B. Orr is pastor.

REEDLEY, FINNISH. The pastor, Rev. Olli H. Jokisaari, has purchased a ranch home near Parlier, but will continue to serve the church.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

FRESNO, FIRST. A survey outlined during the visit of Dr. Stanley U. North revealed that in order better to serve its constituency this church should move about two miles farther north, in close proximity to the State College.. Options were taken upon property where 84% of the members will reside within a mile or farther north, while only 17% of the membership live within a mile of the present location. This necessitated applications for rezoning of the church by the City Planning Commission and for permission to relocate by the Comity Commission of the state Council of Churches. Both requests have been granted and the church is now completing the raising of a fund of $9,500 to purchase the property. Plans will be drawn for a new plant. Capacity crowds attended the two identical services on Easter Day. Twenty new members were received on Maundy Thursday and six babies were christened. Rev. John H. Gregg, pastor, has been elected as president of the Fresno Rotary Club for the coming year.

OAKLAND, FIRST. A nursery department has been opened at 9:45 a. m., as part of the Church School. One of the primary rooms has been equipped for children between two and three years of age, with a trained kindergarten teacher in charge. Four members of the Fellowship Club recently participated in a debate on "The Conscription Bill," followed by open discussion by members and visiting Service men. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, pastor, was one of the speakers in the Good Friday union service at the First Christian Church.

GUERNEVILLE. The entire staff of the Sunday School attended teacher training institute at Sebastopol. Rev. and Mrs. Henry H. Hayden have been invited to remain for another year and have accepted. The church has reincorporated. The old parsonage is being sold and the money will be invested for the building of a new one in a better location later on. The average attendance at the young people's meeting is twenty-five.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Easter was a great day in this church, with 63 new members coming into fellowship. The young people had an Easter sunrise service and breakfast in the out-of-doors. Rev. and Mrs. David Stowe, soon to go as missionaries of the American Board, were speakers at the April Women's League luncheon. Rev. Robert W. Inglis is pastor.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Funds are being gathered for a thorough job of renovating and redecorating both the church and the parsonage, the work to be done as soon as materials and labor are available. The church has sent out a very extensive news letter to all of its Service men as well as its members. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian is pastor.

BERKELEY FIRST. One hundred ten new members were received into fellowship during the Easter season. Two capacity audiences attended identical services Easter morning. Rev. Vere V. Loper also conducted the Evening Radio Service over KRE.

ADIN. A new society has been formed by the women of the church to meet semi-monthly. Missionary and work programs will be carried out. Rev. Janie McMillan Lewis is pastor.

NILES. Rev. D. Q. Gravbill, pastor, has been elected president of the Niles Chamber of Commerce. He is also secretary of the Rotary Club.

RIO VISTA. Memorial fund is growing and now there is a total of $2000. There are additional funds on hand for repairs and decoration. Eighteen children were baptized and a number of new members were received during the Easter season. The Maundy Thursday service was held around tables arranged in the form of a cross and lighted by candles. Mrs. Edwin T. Sherman, wife of the pastor, presented a large oil painting, her own work, to the church and Sunday School. It represents the Christ with outstretched hands, saying, "Come Unto Me." Mrs. James H. Price, President of the Federation of Congregational Women; Mrs. Verdette Walters, President of the Upper Bay Association, and Miss Alice English of Grace United Church in San Francisco, were special speakers at a series of Lenten meetings.

LOOMIS. Easter services were attended by a record-breaking audience. Several of the boys in Service were present. At the close of the morning worship eight new members were taken into the church. In the evening the choir, directed by Mrs. Seth Law, presented a cantata to a most appreciative audience. The offering formed the nucleus for the long wished for electric organ and $150 was collected, with other donations still coming in. All services were under the guidance of Rev. Merrill H. Eve of Sacramento, temporary pastor.

RENO, NEVADA. A Holy Week communion service on Thursday evening was as well attended as the usual Sunday morning service. Thirty-four new members were received, including a group from the pastor's confirmation class, making a total of fifty-seven in the ten months of the pastorate of Rev. Arthur L. Rice. Identical services on Easter morning filled the pews to capacity at 9:30 and at 11 o'clock required the placing of chairs in every available space. Both junior and adult choirs joined to provide an exceptional musical service.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Following a tremendously busy Easter season, in which he spoke four times on Good Friday and three times on Easter, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is taking a brief rest at St. Helena. Sunday evenings are being devoted to lectures, preparing for the Peace Conference. Sixty-one members have united with the church since February 1.

SAN MATEO. Thirty-eight members were received on Palm Sunday. There was a candlelight communion service on Maundy Thursday and the choir sang Stainer's "Crucifixion" on Good Friday evening. The Easter offering was more than $500. The pastor, Rev. Sidney Buckham, and Rev. Augustine Jones of Palo Alto exchanged pulpits on April 8.

SAN CARLOS. The Community Church enjoyed the greatest Easter, both numerically and financially, in the history of the church. Identical services were held at nine and eleven o'clock. At the latter service, after the chapel and adjoining rooms had been filled, the overflow was seated in Cherington Hall, where a loud speaker system had been installed. The Church School conducted its service in the City Hall, due to lack of space in the church building. An audience of 450 attended this session. During Passion Week an inspiring Good Friday service was held and two beautiful candlelight communion services, one for adults and one for young people and their parents. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

ANTIOCH. At the Thursday evening communion service eight members were received into the church, six of whom were adults. Two choirs furnished the special music for the Easter Sunday morning service, and the offering was the largest ever taken. The minister, Rev. Tom Watt, is laboring under no small handicap because of recent serious eye trouble which developed at the beginning of the year. He is being treated by a San Francisco specialist who has pronounced the right eye a permanent loss, but hopes to hold the left eye to its present vision.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The three hours on Good Friday were observed by a service of four parts, with music, readings and prayers, led by Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, pastor, Miss Alice English, director of religious education, and Rev. Eugene Sill of Ocean View. Mr. Gaylord has been invited for another year as pastor. Three members and seven preparatory members were received into the Congregational Church and six members into the Methodist Church at Easter time. Three choirs furnished Easter music.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Four adults were received into the Angels Camp church on confession of faith, and three by letter at the Maundy Thursday communion. Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton preached at the theatre service on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday nine young people united on confession of faith. Others will be coming early in May. Rev. John G. Dickey is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. Easter congregations overflowed into every available corner with some turned away and others standing. Five children were baptized. On Holy Thursday at the 16th annual candlelight communion service, over 500 persons partook of the elements. Forty new members were received, one a young Marine whose name had been sent by his chaplain. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

CROCKETT. Two identical services were held Easter Sunday morning at 9:30 and 11 a. m. with full attendance at both services. Ten members were received into the church; eight on confession and two by letter. The released time program is going ahead with 60 enrolled from the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. A Cub Pack of Scouts has been organized, and there are now three dens in operation. Chaplain John Philip Lindsay of the Benicia Arsenal and his choir will conduct the evening service April 15. The young people have complete charge of one evening service a month. Rev. Virgil Carlson is pastor.

TULARE. After less than a year of service, Rev. Stewart Locke has been compelled on account of ill health to relinquish his post as pastor of the church. During that period he has greatly endeared himself to the people, and it is with keenest regret that they see him go. He will return to his home in Lockeford to take another rest, hoping that in the not distant future he will again be able to undertake work. The church has invited Rev. Benjamin Gould, a beloved former pastor, to serve for the interim until a choice of a new pastor may be made.

PORTERVILLE. Thirty-four new members were received during Holy Week. The large auditorium was filled at two services Easter morning. Ten babies were baptized at Easter week services. The self-denial offerings for War Victims during Lent amounted to $230, with more to come. A junior choir of thirty made its first appearance Easter. Awards of merit for church attendance during Lent were given to a large number of children. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

SANTA ROSA. At a special church business meeting the year of co-operation with the Presbyterian Church was reviewed and it was voted to continue the arrangement until the return from the chaplaincy of the Presbyterian minister. Two identical services of worship were held Easter morning, and a special Easter evening service was conducted with the Santa Rosa and Petaluma Commanderies of the Knights Templar attending. Rev. Gordon Foster is pastor.

ORINDA. Between 400 and 500 people attended the Easter Service which was held in the Orinda theater. On April 15 the building fund campaign was launched. A new set of drawings for the church building have been made and have aroused much enthusiasm among the building committee. Rev. Palmer Day Williams is pastor.

ALAMEDA. Eight members were received at the Holy Thursday communion service. Professor James Muilenburg, who served the church as preacher for a year, gave a farewell sermon on April 18 and with Mrs. Muilenburg was honored at a reception. Rev. Ralph V. Conard is pastor.

SACRAMENTO. Nearly 1200 people attended the two Easter morning services. The Knights Templar attended the earlier service. Church attendance has been large during the Lenten season. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

A Thought for the Month

By MAURICE L. DE VRIES, Oroville

With Easter over, rather relevant are the words of Kipling's Recessional:

"The tumult and the shouting dies
The captains and the kings depart
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice
An humble and a contrite heart."

The great church festival is past for another year. The crowds have come and gone. And yet the attitude of heart which was important before is important now. "Still stands thine ancient sacrifice, an humble and a contrite heart." We enjoy a crowd. It makes us feel a part of something bigger. There is a certain security in numbers, as if security were what the church needed. But then, Jesus must have found crowds interesting: the feeding of the five thousand, the reading of the law and prophets before the temple crowds, the hosannas of the ambitious multitudes. And yet it is significant that Jesus did his great work not with the many but with the few. Eleven disciples! Into eleven men Jesus put his supreme effort, staking the future of his kingdom upon them. Individual persons are important. They are most important. So it is markedly characteristic of the Christian gospel that it always takes root in individuals and moves from person to person, from Andrew to Simon Peter, from Philip to Nathaniel. Strange, that it still seems to work that way.

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CHURCH WOMEN AT WORK

Federation women met as usual in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, on Thursday, March 15. Our president, Mrs. James H. Price, announced the Spring Meeting in the South Berkeley Community Church, April 19. This church is especially in our minds, as it is one of our Thank Offering projects for the coming year, and has but recently come into our denominational fellowship. Miss Mary Ingle, who has been a teacher in American Schools in Turkey, was announced as speaker for the morning, and Dr. Carl Landauer of the University of California, speaking on the "New World Organization," in the afternoon. Report from our Literature Secretary, Mrs. Philip Greisinger (remember her? We used to call her the Reading List Secretary; she still is that—and more.) will show how well we have done this past year. Mrs. J. H. McCartney, Second Vice-President, is scheduled to give a demonstration of the usefulness of the work-packet of which we heard last month; and Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Thank Offering Secretary, is to bring these projects which are perhaps nearest of all to our hearts before us again.

Mrs. Stephen Peabody, Social Action Secretary, spoke of a valuable pamphlet published by the Council of Church Women, called "The Church Woman." The price of the magazine, which is published monthly, is $1.00, and the March issue is almost worth that price itself, for it gives plainly, simply and concisely, the issues in the Dumbarton Oaks Conference, and the improvements asked for by our own Cleveland Conference. In view of the coming gathering in San Francisco on April 25, this is a matter of vital importance to us all. In order to put ourselves on record in this matter, a resolution was drawn up by a committee consisting of Mrs. Peabody, the Chairman; Mrs. Bayard Buckham, Miss Mary Seely, and Mrs. M. W. White. After some discussion and a few changes, the resolution was adopted as follows: The Executive Board of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California goes on record as asking every church woman to pray for, to study, to support, and to strengthen the United States' participation in, the United Nations' World Security Conference; and to write the President, the two California Senators, and the United States delegates to the Conference in San Francisco, urging them to work for the improvement of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals as suggested by the Federal Council's Cleveland Conference on a Just and Durable Peace; but **insisting upon membership in any case.**

The addresses necessary for carrying out this resolution are as follows: President Harry S. Truman, The White House; Senator Hiram Johnson, The Senate; Senator Arthur Vandenberg, The Senate; Senator Tom Connally, The Senate; Rep. Sol. Bloom, House of Representatives; Rep. Charles Eaton, House of Representatives; Secretary of State Edward Stettinius, Washington; Hon. Cordell Hull, Washington; Commander Harold Stassen, Navy Headquarters, Washington; Dean Virginia Gildersleeve, Barnard College, New York City.

The improvements asked for by the Cleveland Conference are nine in number: 1. A good preamble. 2. Development of International Law. 3. Improvement in Voting Methods. 4. Easier Methods for Amending. 5. Provisions for Colonies. 6. A Commission on the Fundamental Freedoms. 7. A Change in Membership Rules. 8. Provision for Arms Limitations. 9. Protection of Smaller Nations.

Mrs. Price also gave the dates of the various Association meetings. April 20, Central Association will meet at Lodi; April 24, Santa Clara at San Mateo; April 25, Redwood Empire at Sonoma; April 26, Upper Bay at Benicia; May 1, Bay Association in Plymouth Church, Oakland, at 4 p. m.; May 3, Sacramento at Paradise; and San Joaquin will close the series on May 7 at Fowler.

Mrs. Scott Haymond, now Secretary of Young People's Work, had spent some days at Cazadero, and is more enthusiastic than ever over the site and all its advantages. There is a revised list of the needs in the kitchen department, not quite so appalling as the one Rev. William Meyer brought to us last month. However, the same injunction accompanies it: If you have any of these articles to donate, write to Mr. Meyer about them. DO NOT send them to him. This is the list to date: dish towels, a dozen flat pans (8 by 20) for jello, salads, and so on; large potato masher, 3 long-handled kitchen forks and 2 long-handled kitchen spoons, 2 long-handled strainers, 3 pancake turners, 1 ice-cream scoop, 8 large serving trays, and any number of Coleman lanterns. Mr. Meyer's address is 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

Mrs. Greisinger spoke of the blanks which had been sent out to the chairmen of the reading lists and urged that they be returned to her promptly. Mrs. Sanford Siegrist spoke of Stanley Jones' "Christ of the American Road" and suggested that it be read as a supplement to the Beards' "Basic History of the United States," which takes no account at all of the religious life of the nation. She also gave an interesting review of Dorothy Wilson's "The Brother," pointing out that although the title part is that of James, the brother of Jesus, it is Jesus himself who is the moving force throughout the book since, as she put it, "Everything in James' life points up to his older brother."

Mrs. L. K. Doty, Friendly Service Secretary (you knew her better as Social Welfare Secretary) reported that she had not been able to get out the material for the relief sewing as, due to the express embargo, supplies are held up in the East. The regular quotas are ready with the exception of three, and will soon be sent out. It is intended that a pamphlet giving information on the quotas will be sent out with them.

Your editor regrets the necessity for omitting many other valuable reports, as also the talk in the afternoon by the Rev. Charles Olson of the Methodist Church, who has been long a worker among the Indians of California and elsewhere, and is now stationed in Mendocino. Again she urges you as she has before: Come, See, and Hear for yourselves.

ENLISTED FOR CHINA

"Pacific" notes with delight an item from the American Board that Miss Frances L. Whitaker has been accepted as a candidate for the foreign field. She is completing her nurse's training. Because of the possibility of the drafting of nurses she may not be able to enter the Chinese Language School immediately, but it is hoped that she will be able to go to China in the next few years. Miss Whitaker was born in China, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitaker of Ferndale, who themselves have been missionaries for several terms in China and who one day hope to return.

WOODSIDE. This tiny church has made something of a record for the Cazadero fund with gifts totaling $530. Four more members were received in April. Under the leadership of Mrs. Burton M. Palmer, wife of the pastor, the Sunday School contributed generously to help feed Chinese and Greek children.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The Ladies' Guild sponsored a hobby show. Refreshments were served, so it was socially and financially profitable. The young people of the church did the whole job of raising the Cazadero fund. Rev. Eugene Sill is pastor.

SAN JOSE. Rev. Erwin Shaver and Rev. Stanley North have both been guests of this church. The former led a seminar for Church School officers and teachers of the region, and the latter assisted in the study of location for the church when it is ready to rebuild. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is pastor.

SAN LORENZO. During March eighteen members were received. The old church building was crowded on Easter Sunday. The Greenwood Corporation has made available to the church a large lot, next to the community hall. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz, pastor, is instituting the colony method of organization.

PETALUMA. Fourteen new members were received on Maundy Thursday. Carpentry work has been finished in church school rooms. Painting and furnishing remain to be done. A new group of teachers, well prepared, have taken over with the reopening of the Church School. Rev. E. F. Ouellette is pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Through organized home visitation 37 new members have been enlisted and others will follow. Rev. Byron Eshelman, pastor of the church, has been called to the middlewest because of the serious illness of his mother.

EUREKA. Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached on March 18. Following the service there was a pot luck dinner with earnest and worth while discussion of the missionary enterprise and of possible building plans. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is pastor.

Shining Through

"I am impressed with the truth which is so obvious as to seem trite when I mention it. That is the fact that perhaps more people right now are bent on destruction of property and the taking of human life than ever before in human history. It is appalling. But it came to me the other day as a sudden gleam of light that perhaps at the same time more people right now are cooperating in bringing relief to those in need and in alleviating human suffering than ever before. When one thinks of it, that is if he is Christian, he finds himself standing at the foot of the Cross. It was a point in history. But it is timeless. It is always there. And beyond the tragedy he sees that the Cross is so high as to pierce the sky and let the 'face of God shine through'."—From a pastoral letter by Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Alameda.

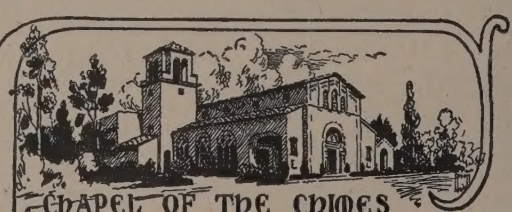
BENICIA. There were three services on Easter with a total attendance of 560. Eighteen members were received and five babies were baptized. In the opinion of one of the old-time members it was the most significant day in the history of the church. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe is pastor.

PITTSBURG. Two identical services were held on Easter with capacity audiences. The heavy wind in the afternoon blew off 30 feet of the veneer brick on the north side of the church. The church is fully covered by insurance. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is pastor.

LODI, FIRST. There were 80 present at a Father and Son dinner on March 23. All Service men and women and their parents received Easter letters from the church. An Easter class of new members was received April 8. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

SALIDA. Sixty beautifully bound new hymn books are now in use. The sanctuary is freshly painted in ivory, and a new pulpit arrangement has been made by the Young Married Couples Class. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

Treasurers, take notice! Hereafter all checks and money orders coming to the Conference office should be made out to the Northern California Congregational Conference, or to K. C. Kinney, Treasurer.



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